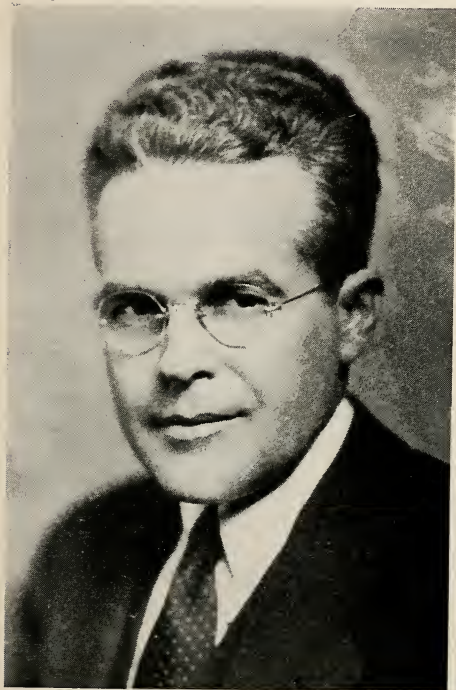


ADDRESSES ON LINCOLN



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THE LINCOLN CONTACTS OF

LOUIS A. WARREN

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The Lincoln interest of Dr. Louis A. Warren began in Massachusetts where he was born on April 23, 1885. In this state lived the first American ancestor of the president. Dr. Warren's elementary education was received in a school situated on Lincoln Square, Worcester, Massachusetts. On this square Dr. Abraham Lincoln conducted an apothecary shop as early as 1784. Dr. Lincoln's brother, Levi Lincoln, who also lived in Worcester, was appointed Attorney-General in Thomas Jefferson's cabinet, and when President Lincoln visited Worcester in 1848 he was entertained by Levi Lincoln, Jr., a Governor of the State of Massachusetts. In this decidedly Lincoln atmosphere, Dr. Warren spent his early years.

During the centennial year of Lincoln's birth, 1909, Dr. Warren entered Transylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, the oldest educational institution west of the Allegheny Mountains, and thereby identified himself with the state of Lincoln's nativity. At Transylvania he attended classes in the very room in which Mary Todd, later Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, received her early education. Here also many of Lincoln's contemporaries in Illinois pursued their legal training, including Ninian Wirt Edwards, a brother-in-law of Abraham Lincoln. This college was also the alma mater of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy. Dr. Warren, during his residence in Lexington, acquainted himself with this community in which Lincoln was an occasional visitor, and also the local environs of Henry Clay, the political idol of Abraham Lincoln.

In 1918 Dr. Warren became the editor of the *Larue County Herald* in Hodgenville, Kentucky, where Abraham Lincoln was born. It was here he started his researches on the early phases of Lincoln's life. During his three-year residence in this community he contributed most of the source material on which Dr. William E. Barton based his writing on the Kentucky environment of Lincoln.

Three years later Dr. Warren moved to Elizabethtown, Kentucky, the first home of Lincoln's parents, and here he continued his investigations in the Hardin County Courthouse which contains the chief documentary source of Lincolniana in Kentucky. He also copied thousands of court records in Kentucky, Virginia, and Pennsylvania relating to Lincoln's family. Dr. Warren is the first historian to make a thorough documentary study of Lincoln's ancestry and early life. The publication of his book "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood" caused him to be considered the foremost authority on this subject.

Dr. Warren's next residence was in Morganfield, Kentucky, the only town in Kentucky where Lincoln delivered a political address. His researches continued in this community, and due to its proximity to Southern Indiana he was able to make an exhaustive study of Lincoln's Indiana years. During his residence here he made many important magazine contributions, including one in the *Century Magazine* which was placed among the ten leading articles of the month. These literary contributions have continued without interruption up to the present time. A more detailed list of his works can be found in "Who's Who in America."

While living in Morganfield Dr. Warren made the acquaintance of Senator Albert J. Beveridge who urged him to move to Indiana to continue his researches. In 1925 he established himself at Zionsville,

Indiana, located just outside of the state capital—and during the three years he spent in this community he made an exhaustive study of the Indiana environment of the Lincolns through the documentary sources housed in the State Capitol Building at Indianapolis.

While engaged in this effort Dr. Warren was called to lecture for the Indiana Lincoln Union which was then attempting to raise funds for the erection of a memorial to Lincoln's mother at Lincoln City. This work took him to nearly every county in the state with his message on Lincoln, the Hoosier youth. His itinerary in Northern Indiana was under the direction of Mr. Arthur F. Hall, the president of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company at Fort Wayne. Through this contact Dr. Warren was made Director of Historical Research for The Lincoln National Life Foundation.

The Foundation was established February 12, 1928, by the officers of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company who wished to create a memorial to Abraham Lincoln in appreciation of the use of the Lincoln name, which is used by permission of President Lincoln's son.

This fitting memorial to Abraham Lincoln through the competent direction of Dr. Warren has been able to assemble in the Company's building what is believed to be the largest collection of literature ever assembled in one place, about one man, biblical characters excepted. Through his energy and service and with the aid of the Company's executives Fort Wayne has become the center of Lincoln information in America. The official publication of the Lincoln Foundation is "Lincoln Lore," edited by Dr. Warren, which is a one-page weekly bulletin that is sent gratis to several thousand Lincoln students, collectors, and libraries.

Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, which was established by General Howard at the suggestion of Lincoln in the year 1929 conferred upon Dr. Warren the degree of Doctor of Literature. Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, and Senator George H. Moses, of New Hampshire, were likewise honored with degrees at this ceremony.

When The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company selected the American sculptor, Paul Manship, to make the heroic bronze statue "Abraham Lincoln The Hoosier Youth," the services of Dr. Warren were very helpful to Mr. Manship in his efforts to conceive a youthful Lincoln. This successful work of art is due in part to the prospective Dr. Warren was able to create in the mind of the noted artist.

In the early months of 1932 Dr. Warren was appointed by Governor Harry G. Leslie on the George Washington Bi-Centennial Commission for the State of Indiana. The same year he also was elected vice-president of the Lincoln Coast to Coast Highway Association.

The Lincoln Memorial Highway Commission of Indiana, in determining the route of the Lincoln migration to Illinois, appointed Dr. Warren the historian of the Commission. Documentary evidence which he furnished greatly facilitated the work of the Commission.

Dr. Warren is probably the only historian who devotes his entire time to the study of the life of Lincoln. Due to his wealth of information and his ability as a public speaker, he is nationally known and is constantly engaged in speaking before groups interested in Lincoln's life. In summing up the accomplishment of his work it may be truthfully said that no one individual has contributed more information concerning the early years of Lincoln's life than he has brought to light. This new and hitherto unpublished information has caused an entirely different approach to the study of the great Emancipator.

SELECTED GROUPS BEFORE WHOM DR. WARREN HAS SPOKEN ON ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Luncheon Clubs

Kiwanis Club.....	Chicago, Illinois
Optimist Club.....	Indianapolis, Indiana
Junior Chamber of Commerce.....	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Exchange Club.....	Worcester, Massachusetts
Rotary Club.....	New York City
Shrine Luncheon Club.....	Akron, Ohio
Lions' Club	Fort Wayne, Indiana

Church Congregations

First Church of Christ.....	Worcester, Massachusetts
First Presbyterian Church.....	Atlantic City, New Jersey
Methodist Church.....	Akron, Ohio
First Christian Church.....	Springfield, Illinois
First Baptist Church.....	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

School Assemblies

Western Teachers' College.....	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Lincoln Memorial University.....	Harrogate, Tennessee
Milwaukee University School.....	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
University of Pittsburgh.....	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Evanston Twp. High School.....	Evanston, Illinois
Charleston High School.....	Charleston, West Virginia
John Marshall High School.....	Cleveland, Ohio

Political Groups

Indiana Legislature in Joint Assembly	Indianapolis, Indiana
Business Woman's Republican Club	Chicago, Illinois
Wisconsin Legislature	Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Professional Organizations

Bar Association.....	Indianapolis, Indiana
Business Woman's Club.....	Chicago, Illinois
Underwriters' Association.....	Toledo, Ohio

Historical Societies

Abraham Lincoln Association.....	Springfield, Illinois
Kentucky State Historical Society.....	Frankfort, Kentucky
Chicago Historical Society.....	Chicago, Illinois
The Filson Club.....	Louisville, Kentucky
New England Genealogical Society....	Boston, Massachusetts
Illinois State Historical Society.....	Springfield, Illinois
Ohio State Historical Society.....	Columbus, Ohio

SPEAKING APPOINTMENTS

Engagements for addresses by Dr. Warren
can be arranged by communicating with

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Note: No fees above traveling and hotel expenses are accepted for these addresses.